

After 13 years of working as a Frozen Foods manager at Burger Supermarkets in Munster, Indiana, he was hired on full-time as the Organizer and Business Representative for Local 1460 of the Retail Clerks Union of Lake County. In 1980, Wallace became the President of Local 1460, and the first contract he negotiated as President increased the membership wage by \$2.10 over the three-year contract. During his tenure, he dedicated himself to improving the working and financial conditions of the membership. After his time served as President, he became the Secretary-Treasurer of Local 1550 of UFCW, from 1986–1989.

After the merger of Local 1550 and Local 881 of UFCW in 1989, Wallace served as a Collective Bargaining Negotiator until he was named Director of Collective Bargaining in 1994. In 1996, he was named Executive Vice President and Director of Collective Bargaining.

Not only has Wallace had many positive accomplishments in his career with the union, he has also actively contributed to his community through many service organizations. He has served as the Union Trustee for the UFCW Union and Employers Calumet Region Insurance Fund since 1974, as well as holding the office of Democratic Precinct Committeeman in Highland, Indiana. He has also been a community leader through his role as Vice President of the Northwest Indiana Federation of Labor AFL–CIO (Retail Wholesale Sector). Although Wallace has dedicated his life to his career and his community, he has never neglected to provide support and love for his family. Wallace and his wife, Sheila, have been married for 36 years, and have two sons, Steven and Jason.

Mr. Speaker, Wallace Evans has been an active force in his union, as well as a positive leader for the Northwest Indiana community. I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating him on his well-deserved retirement. His service to his career and devotion to Indiana's First Congressional District deserves the highest commendation, and I am proud to represent him in Congress.

IN HONOR OF EXCELLENCE IN
TEACHING, LINDA MILLER—
TEACHER

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Linda Miller, an inspirational and loving teacher in San Antonio, TX at Theodore Roosevelt High School. Today Linda Miller, who dedicates her life to the success and education of her students, is honored with Time Warner Cable's National Teachers Awards Division Crystal Apple Award.

Each year Time Warner Cable honors 20 classroom projects, and the teachers who develop them, with the Crystal Apple Award. This award recognizes outstanding teachers who create learning experiences using cable technology. Ms. Miller's project embraced Japanese animation's historical and cultural heritage as well as technology's impact on its popularity.

Linda Miller has a record of achievement reflecting her passion for teaching. She has received the Teacher of the Year award presented to her by the American Legion, as well as being identified as an Outstanding Teacher by the Rotary Club. Linda Miller's immense dedication to her students speaks for itself as Roosevelt High School presented her with the Humanitarian award for identifying students with special needs and pairing them with the mainstream students, in a buddy system. According to one fellow teacher, she surprised many of her colleagues who did not even realize that special needs students even attended.

Time Warner Cable seeks ways to support the educators and institutions that help shape our Nation. By enabling the power of cable television's 21st century technology and high-quality programming to unite teachers, students and parents, both in the classroom and for the benefit of the community, Time Warner strives to enhance the level of education in the classroom. It is, however, remarkable teachers such as Linda Miller who make this possible.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinguished pleasure to honor Linda Miller because I recognize that it is the perseverance and dedication of teachers like her that will lead our youth to a bright future.

HONORING LIEUTENANT GEOFFREY CHENEY FERRIS AS HE IS
REMEMBERED FOR HIS OUT-
STANDING MILITARY SERVICE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, today at the Headquarters of the 1st Battalion, 33rd Field Artillery of the United States Army in Bamberg, Germany many have gathered to pay tribute to a true hero and a New Haven, Connecticut native, Lieutenant Geoffrey Cheney Ferris. Today, the actions of Lieutenant Ferris will be memorialized with the dedication of the Headquarters in his honor. I am proud to stand today to join the members of the 33rd Field Artillery Regiment in paying tribute to Lieutenant Ferris, who made the ultimate sacrifice in defending our nation during World War II.

On the morning of May 6, 1943, Lieutenant Ferris, an artillery observer, reported to Company E, 26th Infantry during an assault of a strongly held enemy position in Dj El Deba, Tunisia. As an artillery observer, Lieutenant Ferris' duties included securing observation posts from which artillery strikes on the enemy could be called. In the breaking light of the morning, Lieutenant Ferris determined it impossible for a suitable observation post to be secured in the area occupied by Company E, and—as described by his commanding officer and others—with extreme disregard for his own safety advanced alone in front of Company E to establish an observation post. Determined and unyielding, Lieutenant Ferris advanced over an area of several hundred yards beyond the closest of infantrymen and was just short of an excellent observation post when he was mortally wounded by enemy fire.

Lieutenant Ferris' heroic attempt to advance his fellow soldiers was recognized by our nation with the award of the Distinguished Serv-

ice Cross—the second highest award for valor and heroism in action which can be bestowed. Today, his former company, the “Golden Lions” of the 1st Battalion, 33rd Field Artillery again pay tribute to Lieutenant Ferris' memory and selfless sacrifice with the dedication of their headquarters in his honor.

It is my honor and privilege to rise today to join the 33rd Field Artillery, Governor John Rowland of Connecticut, and all of those who have gathered to recognize Lieutenant Geoffrey Cheney Ferris—one of Connecticut's sons—for his unparalleled courage and distinguished service in the United States Army. I am proud to present this statement and a flag which has been flown over the United States Capitol to be displayed at the Battalion Headquarters. Lieutenant Ferris is a true American hero whose story and legacy of heroism is sure to inspire generations to come.

THOMAS STONE HIGH SCHOOL, A
TOP AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Thomas Stone High School in Charles County Maryland, for its ranking among the nation's top 700 most demanding public schools as reported in Newsweek. I would like to commend Thomas Stone High School on incorporating a curriculum that challenges and advances the abilities of all students who attend this public school.

The 2003 Challenge Index rated each school by analyzing the number of advanced placement or International Baccalaureate tests taken by students in the high school and the number of graduating seniors from that school in a given year. Those schools who received a rating of 1.0, which meant that the number of students graduating was less than the number of tests given, were considered above average and included in the index. Based on this ratings scale, Thomas Stone High School achieved the ranking of 364th in schools across the nation who met this 1.0 rating.

The Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB), a European based program, are courses students can take which have a more challenging curriculum and prepare the students for their endeavors at the collegiate level. In addition to this, these exams also allow the individual students to earn college credit depending on the score they receive on the exam.

Thomas Stone High School includes 1916 students with 392 of those graduating this year. Out of those 392 students graduating, the school expects 72 percent to attend a college or university. To aid students in continuing their education the school estimates that nearly 4.2 million dollars has been spent on scholarships. Students are allowed to participate in nineteen Advanced Placement courses, as well as scholar's courses and the JROTC. Thomas Stone High School has a student who sits on the State Board of Education as well as the County Board of Education. The school has Board Certified teachers and the Principal, Mr. Heath Morrison, was named the Maryland Association of Student Council's Principal of the Year. It is easy to

see how such remarkable students can thrive at Thomas Stone High School.

The faculty and staff, along with the students, are responsible for this honor. Principal Heath Morrison as well as the five Vice Principals: Janice Johnson, Ellen Linton, Curry Werkheiser, Wendell Martin, and Frazier Nelson all helped to encourage the students to strive for and achieve their goals.

Mr. Speaker, Thomas Stone High School has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to its entire student body by offering numerous courses that provoke the minds of each and every student. I would like to congratulate Thomas Stone High School on achieving such an honor and wish the faculty, staff, and students continued success in the future.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
ALISA L. FELLHAUER ON HER
APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding young woman from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Alisa L. Fellhauer of Port Clinton, OH, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Air Force Academy.

Mr. Speaker, Alisa's offer of appointment poises her to attend the United States Air Force Academy with the incoming cadet class of 2007. Attending one of our Nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and rewarding undertakings of their lives.

Alisa brings a special mix of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming class of Air Force Academy cadets. While attending Port Clinton High School, Port Clinton, OH, Alisa has attained a grade point average of 3.88, which places her thirteenth in her class of one hundred sixty one students. During her time at Port Clinton High School, Alisa has received several commendations for her superior scholastic efforts. During her first year, she received the Kiwanis Scholar Athlete Award. Her second year was marked by her being again awarded the Kiwanis Scholar Athlete Award as well as being inducted into the National Honor Society. Alisa went on to her senior year to maintain her role in the National Honor Society as well being selected for participation in a highly selective biology program.

Outside the classroom, Alisa has distinguished herself as an excellent student-athlete and dedicated citizen of Port Clinton. On the fields of friendly strife, Alisa has participated in Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Basketball, and Varsity Softball. She is a three time Cross Country letter recipient and served as the Team Captain her senior year. In addition to her athletic accomplishments, Alisa is an active member in her community participating in Key Club, Future Professionals in Medicine, National Honor Society, Relay for Life, and the Buckeye Girl's State.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to stand and join me in paying special tribute to Alisa L. Fellhauer. Our service academies offer the finest education and military training available anywhere in the world. I am sure that Alisa will do very well during her career at Air Force and I wish her the very best in all of her future endeavors.

HONORING MR. JOHN WINGATE
GRIFFIN

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I congratulate Mr. John Wingate Griffin on his retirement from the Federal Government after 32 years of dedicated service to this great country. His career exemplifies selfless public service at its best and is a model for existing and future Federal employees. He retired at the end of May 2003.

A fifth generation native Californian, Mr. Griffin was born on December 2, 1946. After graduating from high school in Ojai, California, he later continued his studies at Ventura College earning an Associate Degree in economics. He received his bachelor's degree of International Relations and Economics in June 1973 from California State University.

Mr. Griffin served his country honorably in the military for over 3 years with the United States Army. He continued his Federal career for an additional 28 plus years as an economist with the United States Army Corps of Engineers in Sacramento and San Francisco, California. When he retired from the Corps, he was serving as Chief of Civil Works Program Development for the South Pacific Division where he had been employed since September 1986. In addition to leading a staff of economists and program analysts, Mr. Griffin presided over the largest Corps' Civil Works General Investigations program covering all or part of ten of the Nation's largest States and was a special advisor to the Division Commander. He provided regional oversight to four district program development activities located in Sacramento, San Francisco and Los Angeles, California and Albuquerque, New Mexico. His knowledge of the General Investigations program, coupled with his analytical capabilities, placed him in a class by himself as a program expert. He maintained a personable attitude that contributed to overcoming numerous challenges and made even the most difficult tasks doable. As he is fond of saying, "one can disagree without being disagreeable." His advice was always on the mark.

Mr. Griffin will retire to his hometown of Auburn, California where he and his beloved wife, Daniela, had been active in their community for well over 30 years. Individually or together, they touched the lives of many in the community by serving on the planning commission, teaching in the public schools, contributing to fine dining experiences in Auburn through operation of their elegant restaurant, enjoying ballroom dancing, or helping others with expert mechanical advice on automobiles. They were the perfect couple and we express our deepest sorrow at Mr. Griffin's loss of Daniela earlier this year. We wish him a healthy, happy, and well-deserved retirement.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. John Wingate Griffin on his retirement as he concludes a successful Federal career. We thank him again for a job well done, and for his many contributions to the Corps, the Army, and the Nation.

IN MEMORIAM OF MALDEF
FOUNDER PETE TIJERINA

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, 35 years ago Pete Tijerina, a bold and idealistic lawyer from, Laredo, Texas, started down a path that eventually led millions of Hispanics in this country towards access to educational and democratic opportunities and recognition in the eyes of the law. Today, it is with great sadness and a profound sense of gratitude that I rise to recognize the life of Pete Tijerina, who died on May 14, 2003. His legacy is our future.

As a graduate of St. Mary's Law School in San Antonio, Texas, Mr. Tijerina dedicated his career to fighting discrimination. His first efforts came as the State Civil Rights Chairman for San Antonio's LULAC Council, an organization he joined in 1946. While with the organization, he sought political solutions at the local level through interaction with school boards, city councils, and police departments. Hungry for change, Mr. Tijerina grew frustrated with the pace and progress of his efforts. He continued, however, to work diligently through the channels available to him until he could take no more.

In 1966, Mr. Tijerina took a bold step. At the time, he was representing an injured woman who lost half of her leg in an accident in Jourdan, Texas. Mr. Tijerina prepared his client and his case for trial. As trial drew near, it became clear that the court would not empanel a single Hispanic juror. He brought the matter to the attention of the local judge and was promised a more diverse jury pool.

When the trial reconvened at the end of that summer, the court produced two Hispanic jurors: one had been dead for 10 years and the other spoke no Spanish.

This experience led Mr. Tijerina on a crusade to end juror discrimination and secure the equal protection of the law for the Hispanic community. Armed with determination and faith in the American judicial system, Mr. Tijerina placed his own financial well being on the line and attempted to secure funds to protect the rights of Hispanics in the Southwestern United States.

After sending a young colleague to an NAACP convention to learn more about current legal tactics used to combat discrimination, Mr. Tijerina decided that what the Hispanic community needed was its own lawyers fighting its own cases. Because the community varied so much, nationwide, he believed that recruiting young Hispanics, who understood the unique challenges present in their neighborhoods, into the legal profession was crucial to ending discrimination once and for all. Mr. Tijerina worked closely with the NAACP to develop a strategy and find financial support.